

DESTINATION GUIDE

Several venues offer special discounts and some are only open during a part of the program period – you are encouraged to call them for details before planning your trip.

ANAHEIM

The **Anaheim** Amtrak station is a staffed station near the Anaheim Stadium parking lot at 2150 E. Katella.

For information about attractions and special events in the city, contact the **Anaheim/Orange County Convention and Visitor Bureau** at (714) 765-8888 or visit www.anaheimoc.org.

CAMARILLO

The **Camarillo** Amtrak station is unstaffed and is located at 30 Lewis Road. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Oxnard.

Historic **Camarillo Ranch** is located at 201 Camarillo Ranch Road – about a fifteen-minute walk from the Camarillo Amtrak station. Once the center of a working 10,000-acre ranch, the current 4_-acre property features docent-led tours of the Adolfo Camarillo House Museum (an 1892 Victorian home), the barn and stables. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the tree shaded picnic area, expansive lawns and garden areas. Restrooms are available. There is an admission fee and reservations are required. For more information call (805) 389-8182 or visit their website at www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/cultural/cityweb.html

CARPINTERIA

The **Carpinteria** Amtrak station is an unstaffed station located at 475 Linden Avenue. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Santa Barbara.

Carpinteria State Beach is located just two blocks from the station at 5361 6th Street. It's an easy walk for a picnic lunch on the beach or just soaking up the sun. It features the finest examples of inner tidal life and is one of a few easily accessible tidal pools in California. A fee may be charged for ranger-led tours. Advanced reservations for access to the area are required. Call (805) 684-2811 for more information.

The **Carpinteria Valley Historical Museum** is located about 6 blocks from the station at 956 Maple Avenue. Exhibits reflect the three main cultures that settled the area: Chumash Indians, the Spanish and Mexican period, and the American pioneers. Reservations are required for groups. Call (805) 684-3112.

The **Salt Marsh Nature Park** is a wetlands park located about 3 blocks from the station. The entrance is at the intersection of Ash Avenue and 3rd Street. The park is home to more than 20 rare plants and animals, some of which are endangered. Docent-guided programs are available and reservations are required for tours. Call (805) 684-5405 extension 449.

Downtown Carpinteria offers the friendly charm of a small, relaxed seaside town only a block from the station. Spend the days visiting quaint antique and specialty shops, and choose from many fine restaurants. For more information about other attractions and special events, call the **Chamber of Commerce** at (805) 684-5479 or visit www.carpchamber.org/events.html for a calendar of events.

FULLERTON

The **Fullerton** Amtrak station is a staffed station located at 120 E. Santa Fe Avenue.

Historic Downtown Fullerton is located across Commonwealth Avenue from the station. It offers a rustic old town atmosphere with a cluster of more than 70 historic buildings, beautiful shade trees, and decorative walkways providing a comfortable setting to gather with friends.

Historic Downtown Fullerton features a variety of specialty restaurants, sidewalk cafes and unique shops. For additional information, visit www.ci.fullerton.ca.us and click on the "Downtown Fullerton" button.

For information about attractions and special events in the city, call the **Chamber of Commerce** at (714) 871-3100 or visit their website at www.fullerton.org.

GROVER BEACH

The **Grover Beach** Amtrak station is unstaffed, located at 150 Highway 1 (at Grand Avenue). There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in San Luis Obispo.

For information about attractions and special events in the city, call the **Chamber of Commerce** at (805) 489-9091 or visit their website at www.groverchamber.com.

GUADALUPE

The **Guadalupe** Amtrak station is unstaffed, located at 330 Guadalupe Street (Highway 1). There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in San Luis Obispo.

Guadalupe is a unique and charming city with an “old town” feel, yet it provides visitors exciting and new activities and events throughout the year.

The Dunes Visitor Center, located about 6 blocks north of the station at 1055 Guadalupe Street, is a 1910 Craftsman house which has been beautifully restored and decorated with period furniture. The house also features a screening room for dunes-related videos and interactive computer kiosks. The Center promotes the conservation of the 18-mile **Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes** preserve, the most biodiverse, coastal dune-lagoon ecosystem in the world. For more information about the Center and the Dunes, visit www.dunescenter.org or call (805) 343-2455.

For information about other attractions and special events in the city, call **(805) 343-1340** or visit the website at www.ci.guadalupe.ca.us.

IRVINE

The **Irvine** Amtrak station is a staffed station located at 15215 Barranca Street.

For information about attractions and special events in the city, call the Irvine Chamber of Commerce at **(949) 660-9112** or visit their website at www.irvinechamber.com.

LOMPOC – See SURF/LOMPOC

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles Union Station, at 800 N. Alameda Street, is a major railroad terminal for Amtrak, Metrolink and L.A. Metrorail's Red and Gold lines.

Across the street from the station is **El Pueblo de Los Angeles**. This two-block area is the oldest and most historic section of the city and has been designated a state historic park, reflecting the heritage of the many ethnic groups who contributed to the city's rich history. Here are some of the many attractions in the park area: The Avila Adobe, a family home built circa 1818, it reflects the Hispanic lifestyle of California in the 1840s; Olvera Street is an historic Mexican marketplace; Old Plaza Firehouse, the city's first firehouse, now displays firefighting memorabilia from the 19th century; and the Sepulveda House features a variety of exhibits of 19th century life, an art gallery, and the Visitors' Center, with a free 18-minute film about the early history of Los Angeles. Docent-guided tours are available and require advanced reservations. Visit the website at www.cityofla.org/elp or call **(213) 628-1274**.

From Union Station, many educational and entertaining venues can be reached by the **L.A. Metro Red Line and Gold Line**. Be sure to call your destination in advance for information about operating hours, admission fees and group reservations. Here are a few suggestions with directions to reach them:

Red Line

Los Angeles Public Library – exit the Pershing Square station (second stop) and walk two blocks on 5th Street to the library. The library features periodic special exhibits and showcases interesting archives. For more information regarding current exhibits, visit www.lapl.org or call the library at **(213) 228-7000**.

Kodak Theater – the Hollywood/Highland station is your gateway to the home of the Academy Awards ceremony. The station is conveniently located below this world-famous complex. For more information about guided tours, visit the theatre's website at www.kodaktheater.com or call **(323) 308-6379**.

Mann's Chinese Theatre is located adjacent to the Kodak Theater. Complete your journey to Hollywood with a visit to the world's most famous movie theatre, site of many movie premiers since it opened in 1927. Don't miss the footprints, handprints and autographs of legendary Hollywood stars in the cement forecourts. For more information, call **(323) 464-8111**.

Universal City Walk – enjoy a day browsing shops and dining at Universal City Walk located adjacent to the Universal Studios theme park. Exit the Universal City station and walk across the street to take a free shuttle transfer to the entrance of the theme park and the Walk. Shuttle buses will transfer guests up the hill to the entrance to the theme park and Universal City Walk. For more information, call **(818) 622-4455** or visit www.citywalkhollywood.com.

LOS ANGELES (Continued)

The **Los Angeles Music Center**, which includes **Walt Disney Auditorium**, **Dorothy Chandler Pavilion**, **Ahmanson Theatre** and the **Mark Taper Forum**, is located two blocks east of the Civic Center/Tom Bradley station. The Center, also called the Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles, lives up to its name by offering music and theatrical presentations throughout the year. The Center is the home of The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and the Los Angeles Opera. For a schedule of events, guided tours, tickets and other information, call (213) 972-7211 or visit their website at www.musiccenter.org.

Gold Line

Chinatown is the first stop after leaving Union Station. You'll enter the heart of a community filled with history, diversity and culture. Chinatown offers visitors a unique experience in shopping and dining. For more information about visiting Chinatown, visit www.chinatownla.com.

Southwest Museum contains some of the finest examples of Native American art and artifacts in the United States. It also has extensive holdings of Pre-Hispanic, Spanish Colonial, Latino and Western American art and artifacts. The Southwest Museum station is about a ten-minute ride from Union Station. About 150 feet from the station is an elevator that will take you to the museum. For more information, visit www.southwestmuseum.org or call (323) 221-2164.

You may purchase your tickets from ticket machines prior to boarding the Red or Gold lines. Call **L.A. Metro** at (213) 626-4455 or visit www.mta.net for fares and additional information.

There are many other locations accessible by **Metrolink**, and **DASH** – the downtown area shuttle bus system. Both services stop at Los Angeles Union Station. For schedules and other information, call **Metrolink** at (213) 347-2800 or **DASH** at (213) 808-2273.

For more information about other attractions and special events in the city, contact the **Los Angeles Convention and Visitor Bureau** at (213) 624-7300 or visit www.lacvb.org.

OCEANSIDE

The **Oceanside** Amtrak station is staffed and is located at 235 S. Tremont Avenue.

The **California Surf Museum** is within walking distance of the station. It features a collection of surfing memorabilia, antique surfboards, and historic photographs of the surfing culture in California. Admission is free and advance reservations are not required. Walk 1 block north on Cleveland and cross to Mission Avenue, walk 1_ blocks east to Coast Highway (west side), then cross and walk 1 block north. The museum is not open every day and interested parties should call (760) 721-6876 for current operating hours and more information.

The **Oceanside Museum of Art** features collections of fine art and sculpture. Touring art exhibits are also featured. There may be an admission fee. Guided tours are available with advanced reservations. The museum is within walking distance of the station – walk 1 block north on Cleveland and cross to Mission Avenue, then walk 1_ blocks east to Coast Highway, cross and walk 1 block north, cross to the north side of Civic Center Drive, and walk 2 blocks east. Call (760) 721-2787 for more information.

For more information about other attractions and special events, call the **Chamber of Commerce** at (760) 722-1534 or visit www.oceansidechamber.com.

OXNARD

The **Oxnard** Amtrak station is a staffed station located at 201 E. 4th Street.

The **Carnegie Art Museum**, about 3 blocks from the station at 424 South C Street, features national and regional fine art and photo exhibits plus interactive displays. There is an admission fee and advanced reservations are required for groups. For more information call (805) 385-8171 or visit the museum's website at www.vcnet.com/carnart.

The area is served by **South Coast Area Transit (SCAT)**, which may provide field trip transportation from the station. Call them at (805) 643-3158 for more information.

For more information about other attractions and special events in the city, call the **Convention and Visitors Bureau** at (805) 385-7545 or visit their website at www.oxnardtourism.com.

SAN DIEGO

The **San Diego** Amtrak station is a staffed station located in the historic Santa Fe depot at 1050 Kettner Boulevard. It is served by the **Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)** trolleys and buses with frequent and extensive service.

San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art features a highly acclaimed and varied schedule of bold, thought-provoking exhibitions, lectures and performances. The museum is located across the street from the station at America Plaza. Docent-guided tours are available and admission is free if advanced reservations are made through their education department at **(858) 454-3541**. For more information call **(619) 234-1001** or visit their website at www.mcasd.org.

San Diego Harbor Excursions provide an opportunity to see much of the San Diego Bay and all the activity taking place on the water. Whale watching tours are available seasonally. There is a fee charged for the ferry and tours. Advanced reservations are required for groups. The dock is located 2 blocks west of the station on Broadway near Harbor Drive. Visit their website at www.sdhe.com/excursions.html or call **(619) 234-4111** for more information.

Located nearby is the **San Diego Maritime Museum and Star of India**. Visitors can board three different ships for one admission fee – a tall (sailing) ship, a steam yacht, and a steam ferryboat which houses the museum. Docent-guided tours are available and advanced reservations are required. Call **(619) 234-9153, extension 120** or visit www.sdmaritime.com.

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park features historic buildings of the original settlement of San Diego in an authentic setting. It is easily reached by taking the Blue Line Trolley marked "Old Town." Admission is free and there are no advanced reservations required. For more information call **(619) 220-5422** or visit www.gothere.com/sandiego/oldtown. Special programs may be available for groups. Call **(619) 469-3174** for details.

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

The **San Juan Capistrano** Amtrak station is a staffed station located at 26701 Verdugo Street.

San Juan Capistrano Mission is located two blocks from the station. The mission is the birthplace of Orange County and was founded more than 200 years ago. Today it is a monument to California's multi-cultural society, embracing its Native American, Spanish, Mexican and European heritage. For more information, visit www.missionsjc.com or call **(949) 234-1300**.

For information about other attractions and special events, call the **Chamber of Commerce** at **(949) 493-4700** or visit their website at www.sanjuanchamber.com.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

The **San Luis Obispo** Amtrak station is a staffed station located at 1011 Railroad Avenue.

Here is a delightful destination for an overnight (or longer) trip! Founded by Father Junipero Serra in 1772, San Luis Obispo is one of California's oldest communities. The heart of downtown is **Mission Plaza** – walk north from the station about 7 blocks on Santa Rosa Street to reach it. The Plaza's wonderful creek side setting and beautifully restored mission create the perfect atmosphere for viewing public art, attending an outdoor performance, shopping or dining at one of the many fine indoor or outdoor restaurants.

For information about accommodations, other attractions and special events in the city, call the **Chamber of Commerce** at **(805) 781-2777** or visit the website at www.visitslo.com.

SANTA ANA

The **Santa Ana** Amtrak station is fully staffed and is located at 1000 Santa Ana Boulevard.

For information about attractions and special events in the city, call the **Chamber of Commerce** at **(714) 541-5353** or visit their website at www.santaanacc.com.

SANTA BARBARA

The **Santa Barbara** Amtrak station is located at 209 State Street. It is a fully staffed station with a nearby stop for the city public transit (**MTD**). Call MTD (Metropolitan Transit District) for information about group rates and transportation arrangements at **(805) 963-3364** or visit www.sbmtd.gov.

Spend a day (or longer) on the American Riviera! Walk a couple of blocks from the station and choose from a variety of multi-seat cycles for rent for a relaxing way to visit nearby Stearns Wharf and to travel the

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beachfront walks. The city has eco-friendly electric shuttle buses that can zip you between downtown and the waterfront every 8 to 10 minutes. Downtown features the city's distinctive architecture with cobbled walkways and mission style adobes. Wherever you go in Santa Barbara, the restaurants and shops are as diverse as the city itself.

For information about accommodations, attractions and special events in the city, call the **Santa Barbara Visitor Information Center** at (805) 965-3021, or visit the **Conference and Visitors Center** website at www.santabarbaraca.com.

SOLANA BEACH

The **Solana Beach** Amtrak station is a staffed station located at 105 Cedros Avenue at Lomas Santa Fe.

The **Cedros Design District** offers an opportunity for a self-guided tour of an art and design colony consisting of shops, galleries and restaurants. It is one block south of the station on Cedros Avenue. There is no admission fee and no reservations are required.

Fletcher Cove features a sandy beach and a picnic area in a small cove. It is located four blocks west of the station on the ocean.

For more information about other attractions and special events in the area, contact the **Visitor Information Center** at (858) 350-6006 or visit www.solanabeachchamber.com.

SURF/LOMPOC

The **Surf/Lompoc** Amtrak station is unstaffed and located at the end of Ocean Avenue at Surf Beach. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in San Luis Obispo.

For information about attractions and special events in the city, call the **Chamber of Commerce** at (800) 240-0999, or visit their website at www.lompoc.com.

VENTURA

The **Ventura** Amtrak stop, located at Harbor and Figueroa streets adjacent to the Ventura County Fairgrounds, is an unstaffed station. There are no ticket sales -- the nearest station offering these services is in Oxnard.

Ventura is often called the "California Coast's Rising Star," and rightly so -- there are several educational and entertainment venues located within a few blocks of the station. If you exit the station platform keeping the tracks on your left, then cross the tracks at the end of the platform and walk under the freeway you're only four blocks from downtown Ventura. You'll find a nice selection of antique, thrift and gift/specialty shops and many fine restaurants.

The **Ventura County Museum of History and Art**, at 100 E. Main Street, offers a variety of exhibits and docent-lead programs throughout the year. There is an admission fee and you must call for a tour registration form. Call (805) 653-0323, extension 14, or visit www.vcmha.org and click on "Education."

Across the street at 113 E. Main is the **Albinger Archeological Museum**. The museum features historical artifacts recovered from the museum site -- some more than 2,000 years old and some more recent -- all representative of area history. Admission is free, but group reservations are required in advance. Call (805) 653-0323 ext. 14 (Arranged through the Ventura County Museum of History and Art).

A short distance away on the same side of Main Street is the **Mission San Buenaventura**. This is the last mission built by Father Junipero Serra and is representative of the California adobe missions. An admission donation is requested and group reservations are required. Call for more information at (805) 643-4318.

Also within four blocks (to the right at the end of the station) is the **San Buenaventura City Pier** which was built in 1872, making it one of California's oldest wooden piers. If you're in the mood for seafood, don't miss the restaurant on the pier!

The area is served by **South Coast Area Transit (SCAT)**, which may provide group transportation from the station. Call them at (805) 643-3158 for more information.

For information about other attractions and special events in the city, call the **Visitors and Convention Bureau** at (805) 684-5479 or visit their website at www.ventura-usa.com.